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MADE JEFFRIES
GREATEST OF ALL.

Trainer Harry Tuthill Adds Interesting Chapter to Discussions on Prowess of Former Champion.

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HARRY TUTHILL, physical director of the National Athletic Club, trainer of the champion Detroit Tigers and long famous as a handler of champion fighters, supplies a highly interesting chapter to the present-day gossip regarding Jim Jeffries. "I hope Jeff stays retired," says Tuthill, "because they never get good after a long lay-off." Which means that Tuthill would probably not advise Jeffries to tackle Jack Johnson.

"Jim Jeffries could beat Tommy Burns without training any more than getting a hair cut," says Tuthill. "He could beat John L. Sullivan the best day John ever knew. He is the greatest prize fighter that ever lived. Picture a man weighing 220 pounds, perfectly proportioned, who can do the 100-yard dash in 10 1/2 seconds, who has never been knocked off his feet, who can outbox Jim Corbett, supposed to be the fastest heavyweight the ring has known, and you have Jim Jeffries."

TUTHILL has for years followed the fight game. He trained "Mysterious" Billy Smith, Tommy Ryan, Young Corbett, McGovern and a hundred or more other stars of the ring. He has seen the greatest of them all come and go and he knows his business well. He is at present preparing Frankie Madden for the latter's ten-round battle with Tommy Murphy at the National Club next Friday night.

"There will never be another Jeffries unless circumstances so shape them that conditions can be repeated. Jeffries was the outcome of a peculiar condition in the fighting game.

"The study of the fighter is a fascinating one. Just take this giant as a sample. His people were lowly, perhaps, but refined. His father was a minister. Jeffries, when he started out showed none of this innate brain power. It was undeveloped. He had the remarkable physique and that was all. He began fighting, and at the time when he started out there was a remarkable bunch of heavies doing business. There were Fitzsimmons and Corbett, and Sharkey, and Ruhlman and McCoy, and Ryan, and many, many others. Any one of them could have whipped the best in the ring to-day.

UNDER these conditions Jeffries was taken in hand by the three wisest men in the fighting game: Delaney, Brady and Tommy Ryan. Delaney worked with him to keep him in healthy condition. Brady kept him to save his money and showed him how to live, thereby awakening his dormant mentality. And to finish this, Tommy Ryan with that wicked way of his used to take him into the gymnasium day after day and deliberately cut him to ribbons. The work of Delaney retained for him his wonderful strength, the work of Brady brought out his intelligence and made him reason against the attacks of Ryan. The work of Ryan toughened him and brought out his wonderful speed.

"THE brainless fighter is a sad dub. Yet the man who by education developed his brain too much is not the ideal fighter. Take Jim Corbett, for instance. He is a brainy man. He, therefore, was too high strung to be a fighter like Jeffries or Fitzsimmons. He had had too much of the 'animal' educated out of him. He reasoned that he could keep from being punished. Jim Corbett could use a terrible punch if he wanted to, but he figured that hitting and getting away was much better for him. He was too refined. Take Joe Grim as the other extreme. He was of such a low grade of mentality that he had no reasoning power. A blow on the jaw that gave him pain brought no response from the brain. He just didn't figure that he had been hit and his only desire was to hit the man who did it. In the man of his brain power the senses are dulled.

"Jeffries was the happy medium. He was a man of native intelligence, but his early environment had not permitted him to develop, for he left home and roughed it most of his life.

"After reaching manhood with all his wonderful animal strength he was taken in hand by the wizards of the ring that have mentioned. By their work that innate brain power began to work, but only in the one channel, that of fighting. Once aroused he started the world by the rapidly with which he learned. Slowly but surely he became too cunning and swift for Ryan to trouble him. Ryan, when the old fox was blocked, when they did land the toughest frame gave no response. It was the evolution of the greatest of all the machines. He went the route learning from all of them.

WHEN he first fought Tom Sharkey, as tough and game a man as ever stepped into the ring, it was almost a standoff. But he developed rapidly after that. The second time he fought Sharkey he should have been in the hospital instead of in the ring. But he crushed in the sailor's ribs, and Tom has never been able to fight since. That is now hard to say.

As to his speed and ability as a boxer, the last time he fought Corbett he outboxed the man supposed to be the cleverest in that line. Jeffries was

HOW JAMES J. JEFFRIES BECAME A CHAMPION

Jim Corbett Willing
to Fight Jack Johnson

Ex-Champion Says He Will Take On Colored Man if Other White Men Refuse.

BY JOHN POLLOCK.

NOTHER one of the good heavyweights who retired from the ring a few years ago now comes forward with the announcement that he is ready to re-enter the ring and fight Jack Johnson for the heavy-weight championship title. Incidentally, bring it back to the white race. This fighter is Jim Corbett, the ex-heavyweight champion. Jim is appearing at a theatre at Leadville, Colo., this week, and last night made the announcement from the stage that he would gladly return to the ring and take on Johnson if any of the clubs would induce the colored champion to fight him. Corbett says he would only need three months in which to condition himself for the fight.

According to a report sent here from Louisville last night, Marvin Hart, the Louisville heavyweight, has received an offer of \$10,000 to fight Jack Johnson for the world's championship of the world, and he has accepted it. It is doubtful if there is any man in this year for the club would want a more suitable opponent for Johnson than Corbett.

That Jack Johnson intends to make good the promise he made to Manager Bettinson, of the National Sporting Club of London, that he would return to England if he beat Tommy Burns, is shown by the announcement which he made recently at Sydney to the effect that he would sail for Australia for England the first week in February.

The ten-round fight between George Menzies, the Chicago fighter, and Freddie Welsh, the English lightweight, which takes place at the Pacific A. C. of Los Angeles, Cal., on Tuesday night, came near being through last night. The referee discovered that they were first cousins and wanted to call off the fight. Menzies, however, told them he would take their forfeit if they threw up the match and they decided to fight.

By Kelly and Kilbane Draw.



FRANKIE MADDEN

THE first international hockey match of the season between the champion team of the Montreal Amateur Athletic Association and the St. Nicholas team, former champions of the Amateur Hockey League, will take place at the St. Nicholas rink to-night, and from all indications will be productive of one of the best games played on the ice this season. The visiting team is made up of the strongest amateurs in Canada.

Already the visiting team has distinguished itself by winning every game it has participated in this season, and will put up a sturdy struggle to defeat the local players. Capt. Joe Eveleigh, who is in charge of the visiting aggregation, plays rover on the team, and is considered to be one of the greatest center men playing hockey in Canada to-day. He is the speediest player on the team, a great stick hand and his record of thirty-seven goals last season in the Eastern Canadian Amateur Hockey League was the conspicuous feature of the series.

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BY BOZEMAN BULGER.

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Jimmy Sebring Looks
Like Brooklyn Lealer

President Ebbets Leaves for Cincinnati to Urge Reinstatement of Outlaw Player.

WITHIN the next forty-eight hours it is expected that President Charles Ebbets, of the Brooklyn National League Club, will announce the name of the new manager who he has selected to guide the Trolley-Dodgers for the coming season. Either Harry Lumley, captain of the team last season, or Jimmy Sebring, the fast Tri-State League player for several seasons, will get the job.

From a reliable source it was learned last night that President Ebbets has practically decided to hand the job to Sebring, providing, of course, the latter is reinstated by the National League at their meeting in Cincinnati on Monday. After having been unsuccessful in securing Bill Dahlen for the position, Ebbets came to the conclusion that Sebring would be the right man for the position, and on that account he will attend the meeting of the National Commission and plead for the reinstatement of Sebring.

Should the commission decide against Sebring, the chances are that Lumley will get the job. Sebring has been using all kinds of influence to get reinstated.

Live Baseball Talk and Gossip from the Winter Headquarters.

President Charlie Conley, of the Chicago White Sox, will give his play a long trip next spring. Early in March players will leave on a general tour for Francisco, and after a month in that city will visit Portland and Seattle before starting back East.

Manager Fred Clarke, of the Pirates, will have thirty players with him the training quarters at Hot Springs, Ark. It will be of interest to the older fans to know that the Pirates will have the best of the best in the league as opponents.

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Of last season's St. Paul team, Noonan and Dunne have been traded to Benny Meyer, and Calumet Meyer has been purchased.

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